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TUCSON CITY COURT INTRODUCES NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT PROJECT

The Domestic Violence Court Project will be launched by Tucson City Court on Friday, April 19, 2013. An overview of the project will be presented at 11 a.m., in Courtroom 2 at Tucson City Court, 103. E. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.

Tucson City Court was awarded a three-year \$430,899 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence against Women. The Court will work closely with project partners Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse and the Community Outreach Program for the Deaf to enhance services to victims of domestic violence.

The project will focus on developing a dedicated domestic violence court docket, with increased access to domestic violence advocates and services for victims in criminal domestic violence cases. In addition, the grant will fund domestic violence education and services to deaf and hard-of-hearing residents of the City of Tucson and domestic violence education for American Sign Language interpreters. The project also will provide domestic violence education for court staff and judges.

The Tucson City Prosecutor's Office, the City of Tucson Public Defender's Office, and the Pima County Adult Probation Department are also partnering with the Court to implement the project.

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